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MAY WE *Quote* YOU ON THAT?

Sen HERBERT R O'CONOR (D-Md), chmn subcomm investigating Communist infiltration among American staff mbrs at UN: "It is very evident that the UN is honeycombed with American employes who are afraid to testify whether they are mbrs of a party that seeks to overthrow the U S gov't. It is up to the U S mission to the UN to get rid of such employes." 1-Q

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Gen DWIGHT D EISENHOWER, speaking in Texas against gov't control of tidelands oil: "This isn't what I call a fair shake. I call it a shakedown." 2-Q

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ADLAI E STEVENSON, Democratic presidential nominee: "History will never record that Korea was a 'useless' war, unless today's heroism is shattered by tomorrow's cowardice." 3-Q

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Pres HARRY S TRUMAN: "The old isolationism was to say the U S was surrounded by an ocean moat no enemy could cross. The new

approach is to say: 'Yes, we are part of the world—but not if it costs much money.'" 4-Q

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Marshal NIKOLAI BULGANIN, Soviet Deputy Premier: "We make no secret of the fact our economy can in the shortest possible time be switched over to a war footing." 5-Q

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Gen MATTHEW B RIDGWAY: "I reject as unjustified and dangerous the premises that potential aggressors do not want war, are not ready for war, and will not precipitate war." 6-Q

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DEAN ACHESON, Sec'y of State: "The steady increase of Soviet military strength will continue even tho it moves on carpet slippers instead of hobnailed boots." 7-Q

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United Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners, in a bulletin instructing mbrs to disregard AFofL blanket endorsement of Gov Stevenson: "How you vote is your own business." 8-Q

T W E L F T H Y E A R O F P U B L I C A T I O N



Babson Statistical Organization is 1st of the pollsters to come out with a prediction on presidential election. Their forecast, circulating this wk, will pick Eisenhower—with reservations.

Truth of the matter: this is the most baffling election in many yrs. No one has any real conviction as to which way the tide will turn. Ordinarily, at this time you can see a trend, occasionally deceptive (as in '48) but generally dependable. This yr there is nothing of the sort. We have a firm core of voters aligned for Stevenson; a comparable core for Eisenhower. Percentages have not altered significantly since the early polls. All of the piety and wit, all of the whistle-stops and what-not, have had no visible effect. As far as the forecasters can determine, the "undecided" remain undecided. But as someone has sagely observed, "There are no undecided voters on

Election Day." In the end, these people will vote. How they vote will determine the election.

Thus far, the issues tend to wash each other out. Republicans are vulnerable on "prosperity". But the Democrats have no effective answer for "corruption." And so it goes right down the line. There have been issues that threatened momentarily to attain significance. But they simmered out. The Nixon matter, for example. Last wk, in Vanderburg County, Indiana (which has been on the winning side in every nat'l election for 50 yrs) Republican County Chairman expressed a belief that the Nixon issue "hasn't changed 2 votes." His Democratic counterpart agreed.

One thing seems reasonably certain: a lot of people intend to exercise their franchise. Historically, heavy registration is a good omen for Democrats. That's chiefly because Democratic organization has done the better job of lining up its vote. This yr many are registering independently, of their own volition. It could be a protest vote.

We'll give you *our* forecast on Nov 5!



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ACTION—Inaction—1

Most people are satisfied when they have merely recognized that something is bad, even tho mere recognition has as little power over evil conditions as the correct diagnosis has over disease. If I don't find the means to fight, the diagnosis won't help. — FRANK THIESS, *Die Bluten Welken, aber der Baum waechst* (Paul Zsolnay Verlag, Germany, QUOTE translation).

AMERICA—Appreciation—2

General Mills recently sponsored a contest built around the completion of the sentence: "America is great because—" Top honors went to Blythe Anne Johnson, 15-year-old school girl from Litchfield, Minn:

"America is great because we drag our faults out into the open for all to see and criticize and help correct. We do not hush-hush and pretend all is well, to look beautiful outwardly while rotting from the inside. This makes America noisy, and our faults public, but it is clean and healthy."—GABRIEL COURIER, *Christian Herald*.

ATOMIC AGE—3

A British scientist—calculating the efficiency of the industry and the abundance of supplies—predicts that the cost of killing by atom bombs will be down to \$2.80 per person by 1954.—U S News and World Report.

CENSORSHIP—4

No censorship is more effective than a dial.—JACK O'BRIAN, Radio-TV columnist.

CHARACTER—5

Character is the capacity to conduct one's self with restraint in times of prosperity and with courage and tenacity when things do not go well.—*Philnews*, hm, Phillips Petroleum Co.

COMMUNISM—6

Princess Ileana of Rumania, in a recent speech here, described how the Russians took over her country. Their teachers asked the children, "What is the 1st thing you do when you start school?" The children said, "We repeat the Lord's prayer."

The teacher let them do it, then said, "This prayer is very wrong because there is no father in heaven. Only Stalin is our father. You have asked this God of yours to give you your daily bread. You will see that he can not do it."

So for 3 days the children were kept at school without food. On the 3rd day they were told to change their prayer so that they were praying to Stalin for their daily bread. Shortly after the famished little folks did so, food was brought to them. Father Stalin had answered their prayers!—KVP *Philosopher*, hm, Kalamazoo Vegetable Parchment Co.

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Nov 4

Hey, voter! Do you like the way your country's being run? Have you enough of liberty in all things—work and fun? Or do you find you're handicapped by rules and laws and such, and think some changes here and there would help you very much?

Remember, this land's yours and mine, and it's a dirty shame to tolerate what we don't like—that is, when we're to blame. Our nation's one where voters rule, our weapons are elections. If all is right, let's keep it so; if wrong, let's make corrections!—LYLA MYERS, *Sunshine Mag.* 7

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DEFENSE—Costs—8

A few yrs ago taxpayers were told—by the highest authority—that a defense budget exceeding \$15 billion would wreck the nat'l economy. Today these same government economists tell us we can safely absorb a defense budget more than 3 times that size. Other economists imply that we can't. Let's argue it out. Let's get the facts.—JAS H DOOLITTLE, at AFA Convention, Detroit.

DEMOCRACY—3

Democracy is indivisible, and has to be for all and all around the clock—in personal relations, family relations, school relations, relations between the sexes, economic relations, political relations, race relations, internat'l relations.—RANDOLPH B SMITH, "Education for Democracy: What Is It?" *Child Study*, Fall '52.

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DIPLOMACY—10

A real diplomat is one who can cut his neighbor's throat—without having his neighbor notice it.—TRYGVE LIE, UN Sec'y-Gen'l.

ECONOMY—11

A store in Pennsylvania seems to have gone pretty close to the limit in cutting costs. It has raised all paper-towel dispensers in its wash-rooms an additional 18 in's above their former height. The reasoning: A person drying his hands has to reach so high that water runs down his sleeves, so he hurriedly shakes off all the excess water. Result: One sheet of paper towel used instead of three. —*Nashua Cavalier*, hm, Nashua Gummed & Coated Paper Co.

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A dog is so faithful,
Pussycats are so droll,
But blessings on goldfish—
They stay put in their bowl.—
HELEN YERKES, *Christian Science Monitor*. 12

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EDUCATION—13

Children certainly need to be taught how to read, write, listen to, and speak the English language, if not with elegance and charm at least with clarity. Most Americans cannot read anything more difficult than a picture paper or a pulp mag.—BERNARD I BELL, *Crisis in Education* (McGraw-Hill).

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The true purpose of education is to cherish and unfold the seed of immortality already sown within us; to develop to their fullest extent, the capacities of every kind with which God who made us endowed us.—ANNA JAMESON, *Think*.

ENTHUSIASM—14

We ought to know that in the long run, a people with no sense of lift and enthusiasm will be no match for those driven by fanatical devotion to an ideal, no matter how perverted that ideal may be.—Dr ELTON TRUEBLOOD, *The Life We Prize*.

FREEDOM—15

The future of mankind might well develop from what we now do with freedom. The meaning of the innumerable little dealings, each free decision, and each individual realization, is unpredictable. — KARL JASPERS, *Universitas*, Germany (QUOTE translation).

GOOD-OLD-DAYS—16

One vacationer reports seeing this sign in a restaurant on his travels: "Pies like mother used to make before she took up bridge and cigarettes."—*Gowrie News*.

GOV'T—Paternalism—17

If you think you're going to be happy and prosperous by sitting back and letting the gov't take care of you—look at the American Indian!—*Houghton Line*.

HEALTH—18

Someone has said that "A strong feeling of resentment is just as likely to cause disease as is a germ." And the director of a famous clinic has written: "It is not an overstatement to say that 50% of the problems of the acute stages of an illness, and 75% of the difficulties of convalescence have their primary origin, not in the body, but in the mind of the patient."—STANLEY LAUGHTON WEEMS, "The High Cost of Getting Even," *Presbyterian Life*, 9-20-'52.



How solid is the "solid South"? This question may have a vital bearing on the '52 election. Take those 2 much-discussed states—Va and Fla.

In the '48 election, Va gave Truman 200,786 ballots. Dewey rec'd 172,070. To the Truman total should be added 2,047 votes for Wallace, the Progressive. These voters assuredly would not have cast Republican ballots. But we come now to a tidy item of 43,393 ballots for Thurmond, the States Rights candidate. This is the "protest" vote. Just for discussion, transfer this vote to the Republican column, and you have a margin over the Truman-Wallace combination of better than 12,000 votes. In Fla, the figures are 293,608 for Truman-Wallace, vs 284,035 for Dewey-Thurmond.

The only significance these figures have for today is to emphasize that the South is more closely contested than many persons realize. It is not adamantly attached to the Democratic camp in the matter of presidential electors.

This yr we have new candidates, new conditions. But cracking the "solid South" has now become a mathematical possibility, assuming a moderately heavy nat'l protest vote. No one at the moment can say whether this trend will develop.

Both parties are acutely conscious of the "doubling" principle. That is, a Southern vote diverted to the Republicans means also a vote has been subtracted from the Democrats.

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"Of all things!"

The moonshine stills are far from still. These days of high taxes bring increased temptation to the brewers of illicit liquor. In the fiscal yr just ended Internal Revue agents seized over 10,000 stills and upwards of 5.7 million gallons of mash. More than 5,000 persons were convicted for violating liquor laws. But a bright idea of scouting stills by plane didn't work too well. The buzzing planes gave violators an effective warning.

The new 3-dimensional movie technique, called *Cinerama*, is making quite a stir in the industry. *Variety* terms it the most significant development since talking pictures. Will not bring a quick revolution since projection of films requires 3 booths and added personnel in theatres.

After final analysis of '50 figures, U S Census Bureau rep'ts surprising urban concentration. Approx 46% of population is packed in city areas with only one-half of one per cent of nation's land.

Sensing that this may be a tough yr to enlist seasonal sales help, Macy's, N Y dep't store, is out to get edge on competitors. Late Sept ads urged: "Don't shop around for a Christmas selling job. Come straight to Macy's where you can earn a \$25 bonus."

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HEREDITY—19

Parents with intelligent children believe in heredity.—*Indiana Teacher*.

INCOME—20

Incomes of individuals will reach an estimated record total of \$256.4 billion in '52. And people living in N Y, Pa, Ohio, Ill, Mich, Tex and Calif will receive more income than all the people in the other 41 states plus the District of Columbia.—*Survey Bulletin*.

INGENUITY—21

The morning after Hallowe'en, soap was found smeared over every store front in the block except one. Behind that store's window the canny shopkeeper had posted this sign: "Ten dollars to the Boy's Club if these windows are clean in the morning."—*Richland Press*.

LABOR—Unions—22

Cartoon of man showing baby's picture: "Just think—he may grow up to hold the most powerful office in the land—Pres of the United Mine Workers!"—*EDGAR ALLEN Jr, Commercial & Financial Chronicle*.

LIFE—23

Life is like a taxi. It keeps indicating the nickels whether you choose to go anywhere or just sit still.—*HAZEN G WERNER, Live with Your Emotions, (Abingdon-Cokesbury)*.

MARRIAGE—24

For each person in the U S who is divorced or separated, 18 persons are living together in the marital status.—*Dep't of Commerce report*.

MARRIAGE—25

Not long ago a young Englishman, an American college man, and a mature Canadian woman were talking about marriage. The Englishman was glowingly painting the portrait of the hypothetical girl whom he planned to marry. It was clear that her sole purpose in life was going to be keeping her husband happy. The Canadian woman turned to the American: "What kind of girl are you going to marry?" "That," he said, "will be up to her." "The Atlantic," said the Canadian woman, "is wider than it looks on the map."—LYNN WHITE, Jr, "Do Women's Colleges Turn Out Spinsters?" *Harpers Mag.*, 10-'52.

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Remember the old-fashioned woman who saved her wedding dress for her daughter? Now she has a daughter who saves her wedding dress for her next wedding.—*Lone Star Scanner.*

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If most women had it to do over, they'd marry men they didn't have to do over.—BURTON HILLIS, *Better Homes & Gardens.*

ORIGIN: "Jack-o'-Lanterns"—26

Ireland has a story about the origin of the Jack-o'-lanterns carried at Hallow's'en. It seems that a stingy man named Jack was barred from heaven because of his penuriousness, and forbidden to enter Hades because of his practical jokes about Satan. So he was condemned to walk the earth with his lantern until Judgment Day.—*sunshine Mag.*



In current *Science*, organ of American Ass'n for Advancement of Science, Dr Benj F Sieve, Boston physician, rep'ts on fertility-control test of 300 married couples. Group mbrs were given phosphorylated hesperidin pills with object of preventing conception. Pills given 3 times daily to both men and women. All couples in group test had had at least one child. Dr Sieve says test worked in 298 cases. Remaining couples did not follow directions implicitly. Test period ranged from 3 to 30 mo's. On discontinuing test, 10 women quickly became pregnant. Merely a preliminary rep't. More clinical data must be gathered.

Says a writer in *Organic Gardening*: "Mulching has become such a common garden practice that it might be a good idea to review the whole subject, discuss the pros and cons, present some new facts, and sum up everything." And maybe say something about mulching, too?

Political polls are a great waste of time and money, according to *Forecast*, the astrology jnl. They have it all neatly figured out. A comparison of the horoscopes of rival nominees indicates that Ike is a sure winner! Eisenhower was born Oct 14, 1890, under the sign of *Libra*. Stevenson's birth date is Feb 5, 1900. His sign is *Aquarius*.

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In recent interview Louis Bromfield blames movies for low estate of American novel. "Hollywood offers promising young writers \$500 a wk, drains them dry, tosses them out when they begin to write like hacks. I can name 20 men who should be writing major novels. They were mangled in the movie mill. That's why, today, there are no major novelists much younger than I am." (Bromfield, coy about his age, is listed in U S Congressional Library as born in 1896.)

Two quick paperbounds are out to reap the political harvest. Winston has *This Man Nixon*, by Phillip Andrews. (Includes text of Radio-TV Vindication Speech). Random offers *Speeches of Adlai Stevenson*, with foreword by John Steinbeck. Both are \$1-priced.

Few persons realize that copy-righting a book affords no protection to the author in the matter of title. Titles are restricted only thru registration with U S Patent Office as a trade mark. This is rarely done except in the case of continuing periodicals. Not infrequently, 2 books with virtually identical titles may be offered simultaneously thru retail outlets. Currently, Univ of Okla Press is featuring *Come and Get it!* (The Story of the Old Cowboy Cook.) This is, you may recall, the title of Edna Ferber's best-seller of '35.

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PARENTHOOD—27

Most colleges seem to consider parenthood no fit subject for study. In some, the faculty will not let the girls study child care in the college nursery school unless they have 1st taken a lot of other courses in psychology and education—to prove that they are heading for a serious career as teacher or psychologist. It's as if they say, "A proper college would be ashamed to help a girl learn how to understand children just because she hoped to enjoy children of her own some day."—Dr BENJ Spock, "What's She Got That I Haven't?" *Ladies Home Jnl*, 10-52.

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We fashion our creeds and our dogmas

With logical measuring-rod,
While Truth comes reborn
every moment.

Fresh from the mind of God.
While we anxiously cherish the
fortunes

Of church and party and
clan,

God calls to the larger service
For the brotherhood of man.

C A HODGES, *Christian Herald*. 28

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PRAYER—29

Until we have prayed, responsibility for failure or success rests with us; after we have truly prayed, responsibility rests with God, and defeat is impossible.—GRACIA L FERO, *Wesleyan Missionary*.

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We need to return to family prayers, to grace at meals, and plain unadulterated honesty in the individual and in gov't.—Mrs OSCAR AHLGREN, Pres, Gen'l Fed of Women's Clubs.

Pathways to the Past



Week of
Nov 9-15

Nat'l Beauty Salon Wk

American Education Wk (10-15)

Nat'l Cat Wk (11-17)

Nov 9—Lord Mayor's Day, in London (Elected at Michaelmas—Sep 29—he assumes office Nov 9.)

Nov 10—Wm Hogarth, English painter and satirist, b 255 yrs ago. . . . 1st American trust—the Salt Trust—estab, Kanawha, W Va, 135 yrs ago. . . 100th anniv of b of Henry Van Dyke. (His story of *The Other Wise Man* is still a favorite Christmas recitation.) . . . 35 yrs ago today militant women from 15 states were picketing the White House in the suffrage cause. (A wag recently observed: "What a wonderful argument we'd have for woman suffrage today—if we didn't already have it!")

Nov 11—Martinmass, Feast of St Martin, patron saint of beggars. (He divided his cloak with one.) . . . Armistice Day. . . 1st compulsory School Law enacted in Mass, 305 yrs ago. . . Maude Adams, American actress, b 80 yrs ago today. . . Tomb of Unknown Soldier, Arlington Nat'l Cemetery, dedicated 20 yrs ago.

Nov 12—25 yrs ago today Leon Trotsky was expelled from the Communist Party and exiled from Russia—for advocating world revolution!

10 Years Ago

From the files of QUOTE: Said Gen Douglas MacArthur, ans'g the rumor that he might be a future Presidential possibility: "I have no political ambitions whatever. If I survive this campaign, I shall ret'n to that retirement from which this struggle called me." . . . Summing up the rubber situation succinctly, Wm M Jeffers, Administrator, said: "There will be tires for everybody when we have the tires, and not before."

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Nov 13—Holland Tunnel, between N Y and N J—1st under-water tunnel for motor vehicles—opened 25 yrs ago.

Nov 14—1st paid librarian in America—Louis Timothee, a young French immigrant—was employed 220 yrs ago. He worked for the Library Co of Phila, founded a yr earlier by Benj Franklin. His salary: approx \$4 a mo.

Nov 15—On this date, 175 yrs ago, the Continental Congress adoted Articles of Confederation. . . A Mutt is 45 yrs old today. Little Jeff (whose name is Jeffries) came later. Bud Fisher's was the 1st 6-day-a-week strip. . . 10 yrs ago today Eddie Rickenbacker and associates were rescued from a rubber raft after 21 days at sea.

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An American boy and a Soviet boy are discussing their respective countries.

"We have chocolate!" said the American boy.

"But we have Stalin!" the Soviet boy said.

"So what!" said the American boy. "We could also have Stalin if we wanted."

"Ah," said the Soviet boy, "but then you wouldn't have chocolate!" —*Challenge*, Bulletin of the Ass'n of Political Prisoners of Soviet Labor Camps Inc.

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From behind the Iron Curtain:

Josef: "If the Western powers attack us, our agents will carry atom bombs concealed in suitcases to Paris, London, Rome, N Y and all the other big cities of the capitalist imperialists and destroy them."

Petrov, doubtfully: "I guess we'll have enough bombs by then, but how about suitcases?"—*Pathfinder*.

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A Hungarian walking along the street muttered to himself: "He's the cause of suffering, war preparations, hunger. It's all his fault." A policeman took him to headquarters for questioning. Who, asked the officers, was he talking about?

"Truman, of course," he said. Then, after a minute's thought, "Why? Did you have someone else in mind?"—*Pathfinder*.

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RELIGION—30

This is what I found out about religion: It gives you courage to make the decisions you must make in a crisis, and then the confidence to leave the result to a higher Power. Only by trust in God can a man carrying responsibility find repose. — DWIGHT D EISENHOWER, *Christian Advocate*.

SCIENCE—31

Like the philosopher, the scientist is required, not so much to record the way things happen as time goes on, as to decide on the merits of different ways of thinking about these things. — STEPHEN TOULMIN, *Science Digest*.

SEXES—32

A man is always trying to prove to himself that he is enough of a man. Every man doubts that he's really masculine. But a woman is afraid of being only a woman, not a person. She fears she hasn't enough to offer. She's afraid men will find out her faults.—THEODOR REIK, *Psychoanalyst*.

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Well Done

There are speakers who please me,

To whom I'll allude:

They say, "Now, in conclusion"

And promptly conclude.—EDWARD A LAWRENCE, *Rotarian*. 33

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SPEECH—Speaking—34

An orator has to have a copious vocabulary in order to dilute a 2-min idea sufficiently to fill a 30-min speech. — *Nuggets*, hm, Barnes-Ross Co.

SUCCESS—35

Success is not a destination; it is a process.—Rev MOUZON BASS, *Christian Advocate*.

TAXES—36

If we would spend as much time in filling out our ballots as we have to spend filling out our tax returns, we wouldn't have to spend so much time filling out tax returns. — *Blazes*, hm, American-LaFrance Foamite Corp'n.

TELEVISION—37

Television . . . is potentially one of the great dangers in the world today. The world would have been a happier place if television had never been discovered.—Dr GEOFFREY FRANCIS FISHER, Archbishop of Canterbury, *Daily Express*, London.

THOUGHT—38

The serious question concerns not what people now want; for in this connection people want, and have always wanted, what they cannot clearly articulate, and perhaps want an absurdity. The serious question concerns what people would want if they thought more clearly.—CHAS L STEVENSON, *Ethics and Language* (Yale Univ Press).

TIME—39

If you want to raise a crop for 1 yr, plant corn. If you want to raise a crop for decades, plant trees. If you want to raise a crop for centuries, raise men. If you want to plant a crop for eternities, raise democracies. — CARL A SCHENCK, *Nation's Business*.

TOLERANCE—40

Tolerance is frequently only a lack of interest in the activities and well-being of the others.—*Du*, Switzerland (QUOTE translation).



Autumn

HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW

October: It is the Indian summer. The rising sun blazes thru the misty air like a conflagration. A yellowish, smoky haze fills the atmosphere, and a filmy mist lies like a silver lining on the sky. The wind is soft and low. It wafts to us the odor of forest leaves that hang wilted in the dripping branches, or drop into the stream. Their gorgeous tints are gone, as if the autumnal rains had washed them out. Orange, yellow, and scarlet, all are changed to one melancholy russet hue.

The birds, too, have taken wing, and left their roofless dwelling. Not the whistle of a robin, not the twitter of an eavesdropping swallow, not the carol of one sweet, familiar voice. All gone. Only the dismal cawing of a crow, as he sits and curses that the harvest is over, or the chit-chat of an idle squirrel, the noisy denizen of a hollow tree, the mendicant friar of a large parish, the absolute monarch of a dozen acorns.

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WORRY—41

No sooner do we quit worrying about the corn crop, than somebody asks “When's the next slump?”—*Wallace's Farmer & Ia Homestead*.

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Good Stories.....

you can use

During a recent flood in the midwest a family floating along on a raft overtook a man astride the ridge of his frame house, from the inside of which came a terrific racket.

"Grab this line," yelled the man on the raft. "We want to come up. This thing is too crowded."

The man on the house grabbed the line and helped several of the group onto his roof. Then he suddenly went to the end of the house and knelt down so that he could look into the attic window from where all the racket came.

"That's all," he said as he returned to the group. "Can't take on no more."

"Why?" they asked.

"Because my old woman's in there with water up to her eyes and if we sink the house any deeper, she can't see to dodge. The mule's in there too, and he don't like her."—DAN BENNETT. a

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We've often wondered how waitresses could remember the various orders for different meals that they receive day in and day out, and now we know because we were getting impatient at our table this noon and called to the girl: "Waitress, have you forgotten me?" And, to the amusement of everyone around, she ans'd pertly, "Oh, no, sir! Indeed not. You are the stuffed tomato."—*R & R Mag*, hm, Ins Research & Review Service. b

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I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

CHAS MATZEL, *Curator,*
Ford Motor Co

Henry Ford, a great admirer of Thos Edison, acquired the inventor's entire Menlo Park laboratory and transported it to Dearborn, Mich.

Not long after the new installation Mr Edison came to call on us. After he had been shown around, Mr Ford asked if everything was just right. The wizard of Menlo replied that the layout was "99 and 9/10ths per cent correct."

Mr Ford was worried. He immediately asked what tenth of a per cent was incorrect.

"Well," Mr Edison replied smilingly, "our place was never this clean!"

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An American occupation soldier, sightseeing in a German town, was taken to a church and shown a golden mouse on the altar. Centuries before, the guide explained, the town had suffered a terrible plague of mice. Nothing would drive them away. Finally the Bishop, according to the old legend, decided to gild a mouse and place it in a consecrated spot. The mice vanished. "Do you people really believe those old legends?" asked the American. "Certainly not," said the guide. "If we did, we'd have gilded an occupation soldier long ago."—*Nebelspalter* (Switzerland). c



When the family gathered at dinner, the eldest son announced he was going to marry the girl next door.

"But her family didn't leave her anything," his Dad objected.

"And how she spends her salary!" chimed in Mother.

"What does she know about baseball?" demanded brother Willie.

"Did you ever see a girl with so many freckles?" a sister asked.

"All she does is read books," an uncle pointed out.

"Doesn't dress with what I'd call good taste," the aunt added.

"Not that she forgets paint and powder," Grandma put in.

"She has one big advantage over all of us," the son retorted.

When 7 voices chorused "What's that?" he said, "No family!"—C A BENTON, *Mag Digest*. d

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Uncle Joe Tompkins died at the age of 87. At the mortuary I said to his brother, 85, "Well, John, we shouldn't feel too badly about Uncle Joe. He lived a long and useful life."

"Yes," replied the ancient brother, "an' he'd a lived a lot longer if he hadn't up an' killed hisself."

"Killed himself?" I gasped.

"Yes, killed hisself!" said John. "After he bought that danged automobile two year ago he never got any exercise. I could see him slippin' from then on."—W L HUDSON. e

The ambition of the average gal is to hitch her wagon to a work-horse.—O A BATTISTA.

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There is no time that is exactly right to build a house or have a baby. We just have to take our chances!—AIDA HUNTER.

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Women are not sirens, they're loud speakers.—New Statesman.

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Better: What every girl should know.—Philnews, hm, Phillips Petroleum Co.

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There's something to be said for living in Russia at that; you'd never lose an election bet.—TOM KELLY, Emmetsburg (Ia) Reporter.

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A political expert is a guy who tells you today what is going to happen tomorrow and explains the next day why it didn't.—BOB HAWK, comedian.

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Telling an electorate it gets the kind of gov't it deserves is as insulting as offering the town loafer a day's work for what he is worth.—Salt Lake Tribune.

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"Buy a Gov't bond—have a steak in the future" the typographical error advises. For one of the better cuts, buy two.—SEN SOAFER, NANA.

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Dilly-Dallying

by Jim Dille



The housewife handed the butcher a five-dollar bill and said, "Give me two T-bone steaks." Then she added, with a touch of sarcasm, "If there's anything left, I'll buy some eggs."

The butcher weighed the steaks, scratched his chin, looked up at the lady and asked, "Pardon me, ma'am . . . but . . . how do I split an egg?"

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It is said that some voters will "sit on their hands" at election time. Which causes us to wonder what some of the Republican voters were sitting on when Dewey ran.

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Among other things that give us the willies today is getting up half-asleep in the morning, squeezing a toothpaste tube, and seeing GREEN TOOTHPASTE squirt out!

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Something else that's beginning to need a little chlorophyll is the current political campaign.

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Then there was the department store window trimmer who stopped women passersby like magic. He did it with mirrors.

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We are beginning to believe that the three R's they teach in school today must be something like the following: Ranting about the boss—Refusal to work more than five days a week—Rockin' chair pay.

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In some amateur theatricals a fugitive from justice was supposed to escape from his pursuers by concealing himself under a table. The table was small, the fugitive very tall.

The comdr of the pursuing party rushed on to the stage and fell over the legs of the man for whom he was supposed to be searching.

Picking himself up and rubbing his shins, he caused roars of laughter by exclaiming dramatically: "Ha! The villain has eluded us again."—*Tit-Bits*, London. f

Light Armour

by Richard Armour



Hardened For Hallowe'en

With all the devils now abroad,
With all the awful scowling,
With all the threats and whoops
and shrieks
And cries and frightful howling,

With Malik, Mao, and Joe himself,
And all their henchmen's faces
That leer and smirk and coldly
glare

From unexpected places,

This Hallowe'en the witch, the
ghost,
The buccaneer, the beast,
The pumpkin head, and skull-and-
bones

Won't frighten me the least.

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On Sunday, Oct 5, an important Eastern newspaper made the following listing in its radio schedule:

"1:00—Back to God. (If no World Series game.)"—*This Wk.* g

I wouldn't vouch for its accuracy, but the story goes that a Royal Navy ship in the Mediterranean met up with a regular flotilla of American ships. The Yanks hailed her, "Good morning. How's the second biggest Navy?"

"Just fine," came the unhesitating RN reply. "How's the second best?"—*Bulletin*, Great Britain. h

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Marilyn Monroe recently wore a quite revealing dress. Director Henry Hathaway let out a long whistle and cried, "Marilyn, that religious dress is most becoming."

"What do you mean—that religious dress?" asked Marilyn.

Explained Hathaway, "Low—and behold!" — BILL TUSHER, *Motion Picture & Television Mag.* i

A Stone's Throw by Florence Stone

Meditation While Viewing The Bar

If I were a maker of sailboats,
I'd make them with adequate sails—
And if I were a maker of blouses,
I'd make them with longer tails!

Eight yrs working for the firm—
never absent, never late—then one
morning he came in an hr and a
half late, his clothes torn, his face
and hands scratched and bloody.
Asked the boss, "Why are you
late?"

"I leaned out the window and
fell 3 stories!"

"That took you an hr and a
half?"—*Rotary Reporter.* j

There is a legend concerning a
layman who promised to build a
badly-needed new auditorium for
the church if permitted to keep
the construction plans secret un-
til the 1st day it was used. The
big crowd came early and was
seated near the door, one row at
a time. When they were seated,
the pews rolled automatically down
to the front. The process continued
until all were seated. The preacher
was so carried away by the occa-
sion, he was just getting wound up
well at 12 o'clock. Sharply at 12:02,
a trap door opened, and the
preacher dropped into the base-
ment.—Dr LEO GREEN, *Charity &
Children.* k

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✓ As another instance of juvenile
precocity, a school teacher had
drawn on the blackboard a picture
of a boy fishing. "See the boy
fishing," she admonished the class.
"Even pleasure requires patience.
He must sit quietly and wait. He
must be very patient. Now, chil-
dren, if you were going fishing,
what would you most need?" Back
came a rousing chorus: "Bait!"—
Nuggets, hm, Barnes-Ross Co. l

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✓ A woman was filling out an
accident report. She had dented
the fender of a parked car while
trying to park her own. One ques-
tion on the report was "What
could the operator of the other
vehicle have done to avoid the
accident?"

She wrote: "He could have
parked somewhere else." — *Hol-
dredge (Neb) Daily Citizen.* m

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Quote-ettes

Mrs JEAN RINDLAUB, merchandising counsel, addressing American Meat Institute convention: "Butchers might have a little cheerful music going. It's so depressing to buy meat these days!" 1-Q-t

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RITA HAYWORTH, actress, airing grievances against her estranged husband, Prince Aly Khan: "Aly is a playboy. He spends too much money, while I have to work for the 2 of us." 2-Q-t

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Mrs MARYLIN HAUKE, Elmont, N Y, after fatally shooting her husband: "I killed him because I wanted to relieve him of financial worries." 3-Q-t

SECOND CLASS MATTER

News of the **NEW**

Fire prevention and protection being held in the public consciousness these days, more and more people keep fire extinguishers in their homes. A new one is designed to harmonize with home furnishings, but is equal to putting out almost any incipient household blaze.

This pint-size push-button extinguisher is constructed of bright stainless steel with a red plastic head. It operates as simply as a whipped-cream dispenser, but discharges a steady 25-ft stream of non-damaging extinguishing liquid.

It weighs only 2½ lbs filled, and may be refilled. Comes complete with wall bracket for \$7.95. (*Living Section, Detroit Free Press, Detroit 31, Mich.*)

Another home safety device is fuseholder with blt-in neon bulb that lights up when fuse blows, makes it easy to spot bad fuse. Spent fuses easily replaced from panel front. (*Science News Letter, 1719 N St, N W, Washington, D C*).

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